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John Proud was born in [Gramond, Midlothian?], Scotland in 1809. He migrated to America from Glasgow in 1849 and settled on a farm at Verona, Dane County, Wisconsin. He became a citizen of the United States in 1850. A very unique arrangement took place at the time of Mr. Proud's farm purchase. Seven other Scotchmen were members of the party that came over with Mr. Proud. In Jew York, these eight men gave bags of gold to a Mr. Marshall who came West ahead of this group and purchased adjoining farms for all eight men. They came west when all arrangements were completed on the purchase of the land. After A while these same men formed a company and purchases supplies and took care of thier business as a single unit, through the managing officers' advice. (These records are in the possession of Miss Grace Meyers, granddaughter of John Proud.)